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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NAAS

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SUBJE-T: IRAN PARTICIPATION IN UNICEF FUND RAISER

1. IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP MORE AWARENESS OF UNICEF, UN ASSOCIATION HERE HAS DEVELOPED IDEA OF HAVING AN ANNUAL "SALUTE TO UNICEF" EVENING. CONCEPT IS TO HAVE ONE COUNTRY SEND TOP-LEVEL ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL GROUP TO WASHINGTON FOR AT LEAST ONE PERFORMANCE--PROBABLY AT KENNEDY CENTER. THE SPONSORING GOVERNMENT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR ALL COSTS OF GROUP AND AT SAME TIME MAKE "SUBSTANTIVE" (DOLS 25-75 THOUSAND) CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF. TOTAL BUDGET THEREFORE WOULD BE ANTICIPATED TO BE DOLS 100-150 THOUSAND. ATTENDANCE WOULD BE BY INVITATION.

. UN ASSOCIATION WISHES TO HAVE IRANIANS HOST THE FIRST OF THESE "SALUTES" IN THE SPRING OF 1977.

2. IN ORDER TO ADVISE ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENTLY, BEFORE THEY MAKE APPROACH TO ZAHEDI, I WOULD LIKE YOUR FRANK PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS ON WHETHER IN FACT THERE IS AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IRANIAN ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL TROUPE WHICH WOULD BE

FIRST CLASS AND MAKE A USEFUL CULTURAL IMPACT HERE.

SINCE THE MAHALI DANCERS WERE HERE RECENTLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BICENTENNIAL, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD LOOK FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THAT GROUP MET WITH FAIR BUT NOT OUTSTANDING RECEPTION.

3. IN VIE' OF OUR CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING IRAN'S IMAGE, GOI MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY. PART OF PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE APPEARANCE BY "MEMBER OF ROYAL FAMILY" TO RECEIVE UNICEF AWARD. ROBINSON

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